

# Rock Creek Park

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## November 2015

### Schedule of Events

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This view along Grant Road in November reminds us that the year is soon winding down. November is typically a month of transition in the Washington, D.C. region with the fall colors fading and the skeletons of trees becoming more visible. It is also a time for celebrations and commemorations, and remember, clocks are turned back an hour at 2:00 a.m. November 1.

Join us on our *Active Trails* hikes and walks.

For more information go to <http://www.nationalparks.org/our-work/programs/active-trails>

### Daily

- **Perspectives of the Old Stone House:** 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday at the Old Stone House The Old Stone House has a long and diverse history. Rangers will present insights on middle- class life in Georgetown, the evolution of a neighborhood, and the changing uses of an urban garden. **All ages.**

### Weekly Programs

#### Fridays

- **Creature Feature** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Children of all ages are invited to learn about Rock Creek Park's wild critters during this interactive program featuring live turtles and snakes. **All ages.**

#### Saturdays

- **Fall Night Sky** 1:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Discover tonight's brightest stars, planets and constellations and learn their stories in the Rock Creek Park planetarium. **Ages 5 and older.**
- **Exploring the Universe** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Explore the solar system, Milky Way, and deep space objects in this high- tech planetarium program. **Ages 7 and older.**

#### Sundays

- **Native American Night Sky** 1:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Discover American Indian star stories and constellations in honor of Native American Heritage Month. Learn how Coyote and Eagle created the seasons. **Ages 5 and older.**
- **Exploring the Universe** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Explore the solar system, Milky Way, and deep space objects in this high- tech planetarium program. **Ages 7 and older.**



#### Scheduling Notice

**The Nature Center and the Old Stone House will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 26. The park will be open for runners, hikers, bird watchers and others from dawn to dusk.**

#### Wednesday, November 4

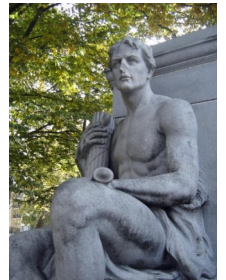
- **Young Planetarium** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Children are invited to explore the night sky and listen to star stories. **Ages 4 and older.**

### Saturday, November 7

- **Civil War Roundtable** 9:30 a.m. at the Nature Center Special Guest Hari Jones, curator of the African American Civil War Freedom Foundation and Museum, will speak about how well organized African Americans were in their efforts to end slavery and secure their rights as citizens. **Ages 10 and older.**
- **Corn Husk Craft** 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Old Stone House Children and families are invited to try their hand at making a holiday ornament from corn husks. Materials are provided. **Ages 6 and older.**
- **Exploring the Sky** 7:00 p.m. at Military Field (Picnic Grove 13 Parking Lot on Glover Road near Military Road NW) Explore the night sky through the lens of a telescope. The National Capital Astronomers Association and Rock Creek Park invite you to their final Rock Creek program of the year. Cloud cover or rain cancels the event. **Ages 6 and older.**

### Sunday, November 8

- **Meridian Hill Park Art Walk** 10:00 a.m. at Meridian Hill Park Discover the art in Meridian Hill Park. Learn about the different sculptures Rock Creek Park cares for and how their unique setting, Meridian Hill Park, was created. One sculpture represents law and flanks the only statue in Washington, D.C. to President James Buchanan. One mile. *Active Trails* Meet at the water fountain on the “W” Street side of the park. **Ages 7 and up.**
- **Fall Foliage Stroll** 2:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Join us to see the colors of fall as we take a two- mile hike. The hike will take us along the creek and we will stop at one of the most picturesque views of the park. Remember to bring your camera, water, and sturdy shoes for hiking. *Active Trails* **Ages 10 and older.**



### Wednesday, November 11

- **Young Planetarium** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Children are invited to explore the night sky and listen to star stories. **Ages 4 and older.**

### Saturday, November 14

- **Buds** 10:00 a.m. at the Nature Center Join our friends from Casey Trees for tree- focused story time interspersed with songs and a craft project. Each family will leave with a list of seasonally appropriate “scavenger hunt Items” to track down while exploring the trails on their own after the program. **Ages 18 months to 4 years.** Please register with Casey Trees (not required) at <http://caseytrees.org/events/upcoming/>

### Sunday, November 15

- **Make a Bird Feeder** 10:00 am. At the Nature Center Join us for a morning of bird feeder making. We provide the materials for you to make an easy bird feeder with things you can find around the house or in nature! Seed included. **Ages 6 and older.**
- **Lost in the Park** 2:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Join us for this one- mile hike to learn how to read a compass and make a simple map. Supplies provided. *Active Trails* **Ages 10 and older.**

### Wednesday, November 18

- **Young Planetarium** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Children are invited to explore the night sky and listen to star stories. **Ages 4 and older.**

### Saturday, November 21

- **Make a Bird Feeder** 10:00 am. At the Nature Center Join us for a morning of bird feeder making. We provide the materials for you to make an easy bird feeder with things you can find around the house or in nature! Seed included. **Ages 6 and older.**

**Saturday, November 21**

- **Scavenger Hunt!** 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Montrose Park Playground Join us on a scavenger hunt through Georgetown's first park. It will be a fun way to celebrate the park, it's recreational, cultural, and natural features. **Ages 6 and older.**

**Sunday, November 22**

- **History Hike** 2:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Join us on a two-mile hike to explore the history of Rock Creek park from its founding in 1890 to today. *Active Trails* **Ages 10 and older.**

**Saturday, November 28**

- **Corn Husk Craft** 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Old Stone House Children and families are invited to try their hand at making a holiday ornament from corn husks. Materials provided **Ages 6 and older.**



**Sunday, November 29**

- **Make a Bird Feeder** 10:00 am. At the Nature Center Join us for a morning of bird feeder making. We provide the materials for you to make an easy bird feeder with things you can find around the house or in nature! Seed included. **Ages 6 and older.**
- **Hare in the Park** 2:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Join us as we learn about some of the four- legged mammals of Rock Creek Park and how they adapt to the fall season. We may go in search of tracks and a craft will follow *Active Trails* **Ages 4 and older.**



**Rock Creek Park Visitor Center Locations and Hours**

**Nature Center & Planetarium** = 5200 Glover Road, NW. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Hiking trail maps and park information, plant and animal exhibits, and bookstore.

**Peirce Mill** = 2401 Tilden Street, NW. Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am-4:00 p.m. 1820s grist mill — the last remaining on Rock Creek.

**Old Stone House** = 3051 M Street, NW. Open daily, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Early American home, self guided tours, and bookstore.

**Other Park Locations**

**Meridian Hill Park** = Is bordered by 15th and 16th streets NW to the east and west, and Euclid and 'W' streets NW to the north and south. Programs meet at the water fountain in the park on the 'W' Street side.

**Montrose Park** = is located along 'R' Street between 28th and 32nd streets NW in Georgetown. Programs meet at the tennis courts.